

February 9, 2015

Dear Friend,

The Board has held its first Business Meeting of February. To review action taken by the Board of Supervisors at our February Meeting go to "[Board's Action Report](#)." The next Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 starting at 4:00 p.m. Here is the "[Tentative Agenda](#)" for that meeting.

The Board's Public Hearing will be held on February 11, 2015. To view the agenda go to "[Public Hearing Agenda](#)," or to read staff report(s) for any item(s) from the Business Meeting's or Public Hearing's go to the "[Board's Document Center](#)"

In this newsletter there's additional information regarding the the proposed County FY2016 Budget, Budget Public Hearings, and Budget Meetings. I have also included the results of the survey regarding the School Superintendent's proposed budget.

Until next time,
Scott

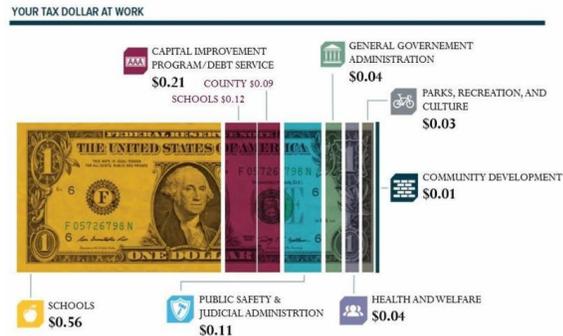
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**County Administrator's Proposed FY2016
Budget**

Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet presented a [proposed budget](#) for the Loudoun County government for Fiscal Year 2016 to the Board of Supervisors on February 4, 2015. The budget totals \$2.2 billion in appropriations for the county government and school system...[more](#)...

FY2016 Tax Dollar at Work as Proposed

In my last Newsletter, I showed the FY2015 "Your Dollar at Work" chart. This chart shows the FY2016 expenditure breakdown for every tax dollar collected of local revenues which includes real and personal property tax, as well as sales tax based on the Loudoun County proposed budget. A total of \$0.56 goes towards school operating while \$0.24 goes towards general county operating cost. \$0.23 is allocated for capital improvement projects and debt service payments of which \$0.12 goes to school projects, and \$0.09 for county projects. In total the schools would receive \$0.68 and the county uses \$0.32 of every tax dollar.



Budget Public Hearings & Budget Meetings

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled the following FY2016 Budget Public Hearings and budget meetings:

- School Board's presentation of their proposed budget. Thursday, February 12, 2016 in the Board Room starting at 6:00 PM.
- Board's Finance & Government Services and Operations Committee meeting on the Capital Improvement Program. (CIP) Thursday, February 19, 2015 starting at 5:00 PM in the Board Room.
- February 25, 2015 **Budget Public Hearing** - Afternoon session starting at 3:00 PM, and an evening session starting at 6:00 PM. Both sessions will be held in the Board Room.
- February 26, 2015 **Budget Public Hearing** - Evening session starting at 6:00 PM in the Board Room (only if needed.)
- February 28, 2015 **Budget Public Hearing** - Morning session starting

at 9:00 AM at the School Administration building.

For more information go to "[Budget Page](#)" and/or "[County's Master Calendar](#)."

2015 Real Estate Assessments Available Online

Loudoun County real estate assessments for tax year 2015 are now online at www.loudoun.gov/parceldatabase, Commissioner of the Revenue, Robert S. Wertz Jr. announced...[more](#)...

Proposed School Budget Survey Results

In my last newsletter I invited folks to participate in my online survey regarding the School Superintendents proposed fiscal year 2016 school budget. To see the survey results go to "[School Budget Survey Results](#)."

Recognitions & Presentations

At our February Board Meeting the Board had the pleasure to present two Resolutions. The first Resolution was recognizing the month of February as "[Black History Month](#)" in Loudoun County. The Board also presented a Resolution of Commendation to the Creative Dance Center Competition Team consisting of approximately 195 boys and girls ranging in ages from four to eighteen. They won six World Championships at the Star Dance Alliance World Dance Championships.



Syrian Refugee Blanket Drive

I recently returned from Istanbul, Turkey where I had the opportunity to help distribute blankets and food to Syrian refugees in Istanbul. During the fall of



this past year the [Northern Virginia Regional Commission](#) along with Northern Virginia local elected officials, held the second annual Syrian Refugee Blanket Drive which resulted in donations of an estimated 22,000 blankets and \$100,000. The blankets collected are being distributed at the refugee camps, and the funds raised are being used to purchase both blankets and food which was used to help the refugees that are in Istanbul. This was a very moving experience for the four of us. I thank all who have supported this effort with the donations that were made. Many of the Syrians we met patted their heart with their hands and thank all who contributed.

Last Week In Richmond



I was in Richmond last week to meet with Loudoun's Representatives to discuss legislation that the Board of Supervisors supports and opposes. See the Board's adopted "[Legislative Program](#)." While there I had the opportunity to testify before the House Subcommittee on Education Reform and at the House Commerce Committee meeting. I also met with other local elected officials from around the Commonwealth at the Virginia Association of Counties's Board of Directors Meeting to review legislative and other Statewide issues.

Bargains on Government Surplus

Looking for bargains on government surplus? Loudoun County is selling a variety of surplus items in an online auction on www.PublicSurplus.com. Items for sale include vehicles, Dodge Charger parts, computers, office furniture, a large IBM Shark Server, children's items and more. The auction will close at 12 noon, Thursday, February 12, 2015. Detailed information and photographs of the items for sale are online at "[Surplus](#)". Loudoun County sells selected items online through Public Surplus, which was created specifically for public agencies. Anyone interested in bidding on the items

must be registered with www.PublicSurplus.com. Registration is free, however, a seven percent buyer's premium is charged to all purchases.

Loudoun County government and school employees are subject to bidding limitations under the auction terms and conditions, which are available on the Public Surplus site.

Community News & Events

- Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun is hosting its 13th annual Prom Wishes event on Saturday, March 14, 2015. To learn how you might be able to help, read the Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun [press release](#). Additionally, here is a special [invitation](#) to all teen girls.
- This Thursday, February 13, 2015, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a "Careers in Care" job fair featuring opportunities in the healthcare industry...[More](#) ...

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